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SENATE RESOLUTION 232

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator Marsha Blackburn on her service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with dedication to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Marsha Blackburn's career in the Senate will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2002 Session of the 102nd General Assembly, as she has announced her intent to run for the Seventh Congressional Seat in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Blackburn has served with industry as a Republican Caucus Assistant Floor Leader, in addition to her service as the Secretary of the Senate General Welfare Health and Human Resources Committee, Secretary of the Transportation Committee and as a member of the Senate Government Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, the constituents of the 23rd Senatorial District elected Marsha Blackburn as their representative to the General Assembly, and during her two terms and four years in the State Senate, she has dedicated herself to the position and the duties associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Blackburn's service to State government and the citizens of Tennessee began nearly a decade ago when, in 1993, she served as a delegate for the American Council of Young Political Leaders in Southeast Asia, and continued in 1995, when she was appointed by Governor Don Sundquist as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission in 1996, she served as Chairman of the Governor's Prayer Breakfast and led a delegation of six members in Finland and Estonia; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a member of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Nashville Symphony Guild Board, the Arthritis Foundation Board, the Nashville Zoo Friends Board, the Country Music Association, and the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Blackburn dedicated her time and energy to serving the people of Tennessee by being at the forefront of such important issues as state-sponsored health care and the state budget; and

WHEREAS, her accomplishments aside, Marsha Blackburn is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Chuck, and their two children; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to pause in its hectic schedule to bid farewell to our colleague, Senator Marsha Blackburn; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Senator Marsha Blackburn on her service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly and extend to her our deepest wishes for her continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.